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"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."—Galatians 1: 11-12

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THIS WEEK'S COVER—

From the sacred pages of the Old Testament comes the story which is portrayed on this week's cover of the *Star*. The prophet Haggai came to the front about 520 B.C. when the Lord, through him, rebuked His people for their neglect of the temple at Jerusalem. Because of their negligence they had lost the blessing of the Spirit of the Lord. Those who had money spent it in building beautiful homes and providing luxuries for themselves, and forgot God. But Haggai stirred them to a new loyalty and devotion, and the temple was rebuilt and the best they had to offer was put into it. Then the Lord spoke again, saying: "I am with you." He knew that the care they took of the places of worship was indicative of the depth of their love for the Gospel.

CHOOSING THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE

By ELDER FRANK W. MCGHIE

I WILL always appreciate the fact that Mormon missionaries found my grandparents in Great Britain. It changed their whole outlook on life. As far as I am concerned, it was their conversion to Mormonism that caused me to be born in the Church; I inherited their religion. To me it is the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, the philosophy which, if lived, will do more to lead mankind into the abundant life of which Jesus spoke, than any other system of thought on the earth. I feel sincerely thankful that my ancestors were open minded when the truths of the Gospel were taught to them. Possibly some who might not be friendly to the Latter-day

Saint cause will be thinking, if not saying, that they were gullible, that they were misled. My firm conviction is that they were not. When I consider what it cost them to accept an unpopular religion, the sacrifice of friends, family, home, and traditions; it was a courageous act on their part. I am thoroughly convinced that they considered the matter very carefully before making the move, and what I say of my grandparents might also truthfully be said of others who have joined the Mormon Church.

A very important part of the life plan on earth is to choose for one's self. Each person's life is filled with experiences where important decisions must be made. We

can all look back with pleasure on decisions we have made which have contributed to our happiness. On the other hand we might possibly have regrets for other choices made which have been to our disadvantage. That my forbears made this courageous decision in choosing a religion which satisfied their souls' desire in spite of the ridicule they received has been a source of great satisfaction to me.

In matters of religion as in everything else we have our free agency, and the philosophy we adhere to we either inherit from our parents or choose after making a study of its merits, advantages and disadvantages. We of the present generation mentally rebuke those who were unfriendly to the prophets of former days and we marvel that there were any who would fail to recognize the divinity of Jesus and His teachings when they had the opportunity to hear and see him personally. Surely if the opportunity had been ours we would have em-

The Author

The author of this article is not a total stranger to many *Star* readers, inasmuch as Elder McGhie was a travelling missionary in the British Mission in 1921-23, labouring in the Scottish Conference.

His maternal grandparents were converts from England, and his paternal grandparents from Scotland. His grandfather, Patriarch James McGhie was born in Kilmarnock. Elder McGhie has been active in the Church Department of Education for the past ten years, at present being principal of the Murray Seminary.

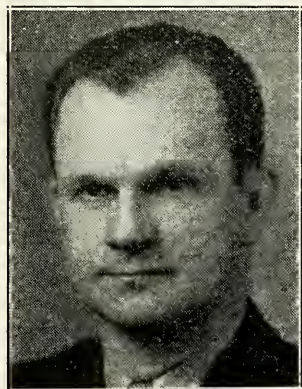
braced his teaching without question—at least so we think—but I wonder.

Supposing a devout Christian of our time were to sit in judgment on an unfriendly Pharisee, who lived in the days when Jesus was upon the earth. It would be an interesting and illuminating experience, it if were possible. The Christian would probably ask, "Why did you not take advantage of the glorious personality of the Saviour—why did you not listen to his message or at least befriend him?" The Pharisee would probably make excuses for himself, saying, "I had no idea that he was the son of God; he was everywhere spoken evil of—a gluttonous man and a wine bibber," some said. I leave you to imagine the rest of the accusations.

It is possible for any of us to pass up the choicest things in life if we refuse to investigate, to weigh and compare, with an open mind, just as truly as the Pharisee in the illustration just used passed up an opportunity to associate with Jesus.

We think this would be life's choicest blessing. Again I say, I am grateful that my grandparents opened their hearts to receive the Gospel truths when the Mormon missionaries went to their home some ninety years ago.

There were radical differences between this new philosophy the Mormon missionaries brought and the religious beliefs and traditions that had been handed down for many generations to them. It is a few of these principles I would like to write about, which I believe appealed to them, and were the means of converting them to a different philosophy from that which they espoused all their lives. They are truths which thrill me with a conviction of their truthfulness and their power to bless mankind. They are as shafts of light to those who hear them and accept them as God's mind and will.



Frank W. McGhie

"The Gospel truths will be my richest heritage."

I do not believe that they were very easily converted. What they had heard about this religion from America was not very complimentary; there must have been a high wall of prejudice which was difficult to climb over.

As I attempt to visualize what took place when the Elders of the Church first made contact with them, I rather feel that the reception they would receive would be civil, but just a bit cautious, if not cool.

I can imagine a conversation something like the following: "Why do you Mormons not leave us alone? We have our own religion; we are satisfied with what we have and try our best to live it."

A tactful missionary would naturally have responded then with the thought: "We are not trying to tear down that which you already believe, but we are here to tell you more truths, to add to what you already have. It is our message

that some of the precious things of the Gospel plan have been restored to bless mankind and help him to live as God our Father would desire." Here a questioning ancestor might have said: "Do you mean to say that you have a definite contribution to make to the things we already are being taught in our churches?" Thus having broken down some of the prejudice and having been given an opportunity to deliver his message, the missionary would proceed now to teach the principles of the Gospel.

First of all they had to be convinced that God, our heavenly Father, had spoken through his prophet and had restored the Gospel truths as they had originally been taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

Probably one of the most difficult adjustments they had to make in their religious thinking and belief was concerning their conception of God. For generations and generations all Christianity had taught that the God they worshipped was incomprehensible, without bodily form and passions. He was intangible, inconceivable, and was everywhere present. When they had read such creeds as the one referred to, the Nicene creed, they had been bewildered and confused, but had accepted it because it was a part of their Church teachings. Here, among the Latter-day Saints, was a religious philosophy which taught that the Bible was to be taken literally where it said, "God created man in His own image." Image of course meant likeness. Are we not images of our parents and was not Christ like his parents? His life on earth revealed that fact. What could be more logical? In that first vision of Joseph Smith, in a wooded place in the State of New York, he said that two of the Godhead appeared to him. He said that they were God the Father and Jesus the Son. He further made it clear that they were like each other in appearance and that the Father pointing to the Son said, "This is my beloved Son, hear Him."

This undoubtedly was a most radical change, but it must have had a strong appeal to them. For here was something they could understand, something no longer inconceivable and incomprehensible, but simple and logical and true. Their efforts to conceive of the bodiless, passionless God of Christianity had shrouded them in a haze of confusion and perplexity. Now, however, Deity became intelligible to them. There were three different and distinct personages. God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Ghost one in purpose, unified in their efforts to bless mankind.

It would not be necessary for a missionary in teaching this new conception of Deity, to blast unmercifully in putting over his point. The beauty of the logical explanation would dispel false notions, without the necessity of tearing down already accepted beliefs. Truth would take the place of the errors of man, darkness would be dispelled by light.

Baptism naturally follows conversion. The only method of baptism taught in the New Testament by Jesus and his Apostles was immersion in water for the remission of sins. Following this came the ordinance of laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost by those who had the authority.

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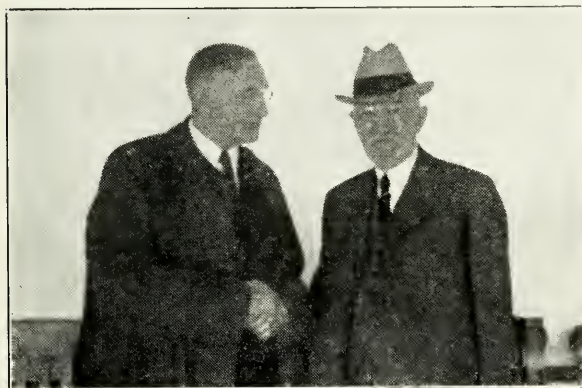
PRESIDENT GRANT ARRIVES

INTO Cherbourg Harbour, on the northwest coast of France, the Canadian Pacific's *Empress of Australia* steamed last week, carrying President Heber J. Grant and a group of more than 60 other Church members and officials who will tour Europe and Great Britain during the next two months, climaxing the visit by attending the British Mission Centenary celebration in Preston and Rochdale, July 30th-August 2nd.



President Grant was welcomed at Cherbourg by President Richard R. Lyman, who will accompany him on a four weeks' tour of Continental missions which will include the French,

Swiss - Austrian, German, and Czechoslovakian Missions. He was guest of honour and principal speaker at the American Club of Paris last Thursday, June 24th. President Hugh B. Brown, recently appointed to succeed President Joseph J. Cannon as president of the British Mission, also



President Lyman and President Grant

Welcome to Europe!

arrived on the *Empress of Australia* and will travel through the missions with them. The fourth member of the party will be Elder Joseph Anderson, President Grant's private secretary. They will arrive in England on Monday, July 19th.

After attending the Centenary celebration, President Grant, accompanied by President Lyman, will attend the World Boy Scout Jamboree being held in Vogelanzang, Holland, from July 29th to August 13th. He will then tour the Netherlands, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian missions. He expects to return to Salt Lake City about the middle of September.

President Grant's visit to Britain will be his first since he presided over the European and British Missions over thirty years ago. At that time he was a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. It is the first time in more than a quarter of a century that the President of the Church has visited Great Britain. President Joseph F. Smith came to this country in 1910. To President Grant and those accompanying him, the *Star* bids welcome, with the wish that their visit may be a happy one.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

EVERY CHAPTER HAS A MESSAGE

By Elder Ezra C. Dalby

WHEN one makes an acquaintance with a personality in the Old Testament, he has gained a friend, a companion, a teacher, or a guide whom he cannot easily forget. In our study of the Book of books, its characters emerge from out of a distant past with a contribution to our spiritual needs, even in this enlightened age. Each stands ready to answer when we call.

When days are dark and troubles come upon us thick and fast, we must not forget to summon that dear prophet of gladness, Zechariah. Immediately he will sing to us his wonderful song of hope, of better days to come. "Put away your mourning and fasting," he said to his discouraged countrymen; "there is no use of wringing your hands and giving way to grief. Right-about-face, and lay hold of the duties you are neglecting. If you want a better world, begin by making yourselves better." Certainly, after listening to him and reading his wonderful visions, the sun will shine for us again.

Then there is Hosea, that great prophet of love, bearing the terrible burden of his domestic affliction. How can we ever hate a brother, or a friend, or even an enemy, when we remember the awful tragedy of his erring wife and her husband's forgiveness? What a revelation he gives us of God's love! We can never refuse to forgive anyone again, if we remember Hosea.

And Micah will never leave our memories. He was so intensely in earnest, so bitter against those who made religion a cloak to cover their hypocrisy and wickedness, and so friendly to the poor. Who can ever forget his definition of true religion: "And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" No matter where we go, we can never get away from Micah.

Then we will remember Obadiah, that little book that a great many think ought to be taken out of the Bible. Some day you will be glad that it is there. When the forces of evil laugh to scorn those who stand for God and His truth, and from entrenched strongholds in the mountains of Edom, cry out: "Who shall bring us down?" Then Obadiah and his brave challenge will come to our support. We hear his thrilling words across the centuries: "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord." Who can doubt the final triumph of righteousness, with Obadiah by his side?

And even Haggai, plain, common-place Haggai, left with us a valuable lesson. Surely, he should come to our aid every time there is a church to build. He showed us the need of a sanctuary where we might meet with God. Who can pass up an opportunity to assist in the erection of a house of worship, with his words of reproach ringing in our ears: "Is it a time for you to dwell in panelled houses when this house

is lying in ruins?" Yes, Haggai also has left a message for us.

Words fail us when we recall those immortal heroes, the four great major prophets. We merely met them and hurried on, but surely something remains with us as a result of this brief contact. Let us each resolve some day to know them better. And we must keep in mind all the rest of the men and women we have met, for each has left with us some lesson which has come from God.

O this Bible of ours! This word of God! This book of life! What a wealth of precious truths are hid within its sacred pages! What words can possibly tell the story of its priceless worth! Whose imagination is vivid enough to con-

ceive the comfort it has brought to sorrowing souls and broken hearts! It has been the life and light of the world for five and twenty centuries. Kingdoms have come and gone. Empires have flourished and fallen to decay. Conquerors, rulers, mighty men of war and peace, have played their little part and passed from the stage of human activities to be seen no more; but the word of God endures forever. Men have ridiculed it, laughed at it, claimed to have proved it false, condemned it to oblivion, and still it remains the greatest force for righteousness in the world. Not one person in ten thousand knows its matchless worth. Men may search it all their days, read it a thousand times and still find new truth to gladden and refresh their souls. Truly it is a comforter in our day of sorrow, a companion in our loneliness, a source of strength



The Prophet Samuel

One of our ancient teachers.

in our hour of weakness, a witness for God when doubts assail us. The Bible is our greatest heritage from the past. It comes to us laden with a thousand blessings, sanctified by countless millions of human souls who have read and loved it from the days of Ezra until now. Jesus knew and drew much of his inspiration from its sacred pages; Paul was familiar with the deeds and words of every character we have studied. Any other single thing we have in the world might be dispensed with, but what would the nations do if this sacred book were lost? Nothing could take its place.

Every boy and girl in the world ought to know the Bible better than any other book. They should learn to love it as their dearest treasure. But this requires study, reflection,

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THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1937

EDITORIAL

THE CHURCH'S YOUTH CONVENTIONS

During the past month, thousands of officers and teachers and members of the Church's great youth organizations, the Mutual Improvement Associations and the Primary, assembled in Salt Lake City for their annual June convention. Representatives came from every one of the 118 stakes of Zion and from many of the missions of the Church to attend.

Possibly the most significant of the indications of progress manifest at the convention was the continual and steady growth these organizations have enjoyed. **Ninety per cent of Children** Thirty-five years ago, when the first Primary convention was held, a few officers gathered in the parlour of a home. This was related by Sister May Anderson, General Superintendent, as she addressed five thousand Primary officers and teachers who had gathered for the convention. There are ninety-seven thousand children, representing ninety per cent of the children under twelve years of age in the Church, enrolled in the Primary Association. This includes 13,377 attending Primaries in the missions, more than half of whom come from non-member families.

Addressing the opening meeting of the M.I.A. convention, President Heber J. Grant expressed his belief in the youth of the Church. "There is nothing in my power to do that I would not do for the advancement of the youth of the Church, and I intend to keep on working for them," the President stated. **Support of President Grant**

President Grant also cited the continual growth of the Church. When he was ordained to the apostleship some fifty years ago, there were but 25 or 30 stakes, as compared with 118 stakes to-day.

These great annual conventions are illustrative of the widespread and genuine interest that the Church takes in its young members and the influence it has upon them.

Officers Give Freely of Service President Grant appropriately summed it up when he said that no other people in the world of comparable numbers could duplicate such a gathering as that which he was addressing at that very moment. There is no other organization, religious or otherwise, in which such a large percentage of its members give so freely of their time and talents to the service of others. And it should be remembered, too, that every one of the thousands who attended the M.I.A. and Primary conventions did so entirely at his or her own expense. Goodly numbers of them travelled many hundreds, and even thousands of miles to be in attendance there. Some had come from far-off Hawaii, in the Pacific Ocean, others from Canada, and still others from Mexico.

It is not only in America that the Church's youth organizations are so numerous and active. In the missions, as well, the young people are establishing outstanding records in their

activities and accomplishments. During recent months President Lyman has attended M.I.A. and Primary conventions in several of the European missions. All of them have been equally as successful as the Church-wide convention.

The British Mission will hold its annual M.I.A. and Primary convention this year in conjunction with the Mission-wide observance of the Centenary, scheduled for August Bank holiday and to be held in Preston and Rochdale. The programmes that have

Youth in the British Mission

proved so successful at the conventions of the past two years will be followed again this year. It will be particularly fitting that, besides President Grant, the General Presidency, and several board members of the Y.W.M.I.A., and President Joseph J. Cannon, now first assistant general superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A., will all be in attendance there.

To-day, the people of the world are becoming conscious of personality and character development. Large sums of money

For Development of Character

are being spent annually for this purpose, all aimed at bettering the human family, especially the children and those growing towards maturity. They are the ones whose personalities are yet pliable, who have not as yet adopted unchangeable habits, and who, if but given the right kind of training and development in their growing years will be better fathers and mothers, become more useful citizens, and assume leadership in the affairs of men.

No better training in personality and character development for young people could be found than that which exists to-day in the Latter-day Saint Church. One needs to look no farther than the M.I.A. and Primary conventions to find proof of this fact.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

LOVE AND TOLERANCE

The teachings of our Lord breathe the spirit of forbearance and love even to enemies. He tolerated, though He could not approve, the practices of the heathen in their idolatry, the Samaritans with their mongrel and unorthodox customs of worship, the luxury-loving Sadducees, and the law-bound Pharisees. Hatred was not countenanced even toward foes. His instructions were:—"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matthew 5: 44-45) The Twelve were commanded to salute with their blessing every house at which they applied for hospitality. True, if the people rejected them and their message, retribution was to follow; but this visitation of cursing was to be reserved as a Divine prerogative for the judgment day. In His Parable of the Tares, Christ taught the same lesson of forbearance; the hasty servants wanted to pluck the weeds straightway, but they were forbidden lest they root up the wheat also; and were assured that a separation would be effected in the time of harvest.—JAMES E. TALMAGE

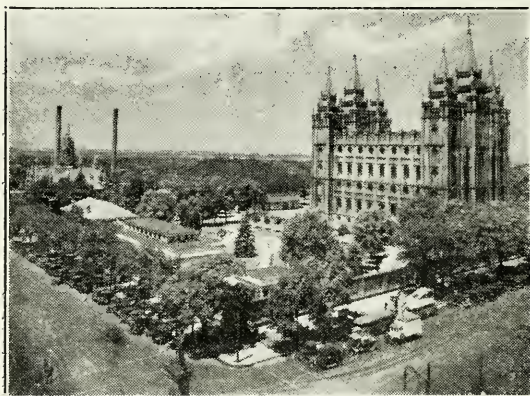
A LONDONER VISITS UTAH

A recent visitor to Salt Lake City was Mr. Horace Leaf, of London, well-known leader of the Spiritualist movement in this country, now on a tour of the United States. In *The Two Worlds*, weekly Spiritualist publication, Mr. Leaf described his visit to Salt Lake City in an article, "Through America":

"The Mormons have, as usual, shown me the greatest courtesy, and gave me a splendid write-up in their daily paper, *The Deseret News*. I have referred to the fine spirit of friendliness that the Latter-day Saints, to give them their proper name, show towards members of other faiths. One cannot fail to be impressed by the cheerful demeanour of Mormons in general. These charming people seem to face life with such confidence that one cannot but conclude that there is something about their faith that is good for humanity in an outstanding way. It appeals very strongly to young people, a fact I observed even in London, where I occasionally attended Mormon meetings. One may not agree with Mor-

mon doctrines, but one cannot disagree with their reactions to life.

"Salt Lake City is a Mormon production, and has always been admired as one of the finest cities in America. It is well planned and well built, and made even more attractive by the numerous Mormon chapels. The famous Tabernacle and the very beautiful Temple are a pleasure to see. Very dissimilar in archi-



Salt Lake Temple and Tabernacle

"They are a pleasure to see."

itecture, they offset each other amazingly well. Visitors from all over the world come to see these remarkable buildings. The Tabernacle, as an architectural wonder, almost vies with the Parthenon in Athens. I have attended services in this building, which holds nine thousand people, and has a wonderful gallery. Only a privileged few are permitted to enter the sacred precincts of the Temple, and these must be Latter-day Saints.

"Through the courtesy of Mr. Harold Jenson, son of the Historiographer (Elder Andrew Jenson), of the Mormon Church, I was elected a guest member of the Athletic Club in Salt Lake City. Athletic Clubs are usually the leading clubs in America, and reflect the love of Americans for sport. The Athletic

Club of Salt Lake City is an exclusive Mormon institution and an excellent example of what such a club should be like. I must vote Mr. Harold Jenson as among the finest of Mormons, not only because of his appearance, but because of his wise advocacy of good-fellowship and ability to make the stranger feel that Salt Lake City really does welcome the stranger."

—PARRY D. SORENSEN

EVERY CHAPTER HAS A MESSAGE

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prayer and faith. It is to become a fountain of life, a superficial knowledge of it is not sufficient. Its depths must be sounded, its heights determined, and the extent of it measured. We must see in imagination, at least, the land from which it came and the character of the people that brought it forth, and understand the age in which they lived. Our hearts must be in the study, and God near to inspire our efforts. With such conditons to help us we can make the book our own.

THE MARCH OF TIME AT ROCHDALE

During the week of July 26th to 31st, the March of Time No. 12 will be showing at the Palace Tudor Theatre, Rochdale, Lancashire. At the same time, Church members will be gathering from all parts of the British Isles for the Centenary celebration at Rochdale.

As the Anglo-American News Review film continues to show throughout the Empire, each passing day means that thousands more have seen the impressive and authentic story of how the Church Security Programme is working out, and how, among its members, the Church is solving one of the world's greatest problems—unemployment.

Although it was released in May, the March of Time No. 12 has yet to be shown in many more British cities. The following list names cinemas which will show the film during the month of July. (Only cinemas in cities where branches of the Church are located are given.)

Globe, Clapham Junction, and *Court or Pavilion*, Wigan, July 5th-7th; *Elite*, Middlesborough, *Tivoli* and *Princess*, Portsmouth, *Majestic*, West Hartlepool, *Dorchester*, Hull, and *Royal*, Wolverhampton, July 5th-10th; *Roker*, Sunderland, July 12th-14th; *Astoria*, Aberdeen, *Princess*, *Empire* or *Palace*, Accrington, *Palace*, Burnley, *Grand*, Mansfield, *Hippodrome*, Nuneaton, and *Chequers*, St. Albans, July 12th-17th; *Robin Hood*, Hall Green (Birmingham), *Coliseum*, Stoke Newington, and *Shipcote*, Gateshead, July 19th-21st; *Broadway*, Letchworth, July 22nd-24th; *Queens*, Nelson, *Palace Tudor*, Rochdale, and *Kings*, Oldham, July 26th-31st.—A. Z. RICHARDS, JR.

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These same things were practised by this new Church. But what of the millions who had died without having had these rituals performed? Were they to be forever lost? Joseph Smith taught that "The greatest responsibility in this world is to seek after the dead." The reason for this is that all the dead must be redeemed from their sins just as the living are. It is required of us to perform this labour in their behalf. Let us see if this idea is logical and sound. It seems to me that the whole philosophy of Christianity centres around the idea of work by proxy. Jesus did for us by proxy what we were powerless to do for ourselves. Considering all that Jesus has done for mankind, is it not reasonable that the divine plan should also include what men might do for each other? Love and unselfishness is taught in this way more than any other method devised by divine command. One of the final commitments of Jesus to His apostles just before his betrayal and arrest was this thought, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." Jesus not only commanded men to love one another, but he provided a plan for them to demonstrate their love. The plan was temple work for those deprived of hearing and participating in the plan of salvation. This glorious principle which had such a strong appeal was divinely instituted through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith. He taught that all men would have equal opportunity to hear and embrace the laws of God, whether in this life or the life to come. He said, "All who have died without a knowledge of this Gospel, who would have accepted it if they had been permitted to tarry, shall be heirs of the Celestial Kingdom of God also, all that shall die henceforth without a knowledge of it, who would have received it with all their hearts, shall be heirs of that kingdom, for I, the Lord, will judge all men according to their works, according to the desire of their hearts." One phase of temple work consists of work by proxy for those who died without a knowledge of the Gospel laws. What a thrill it was for my ancestors to realize that the Gospel plan not only extended salvation to them, but likewise to their ancestors and to all of the children of God upon the earth!

After conversion and initiation by baptism of the water and of the Spirit into the Church, the privilege to participate actively in the Church was something they had never had the opportunity to do before. This Church provided positions of responsibility to all who were worthy and willing to accept them. This was certainly a church for the laity. Now they could hold Priesthood which would enable them to act in the various Church ordinances. They could now assist in baptizing their fellows, they could officiate at the sacrament table, and do all the things in a church capacity which had been done for them. It was a church of works, as well as faith. The most valuable experience which man gains in this life is learning to do by doing. Not only did the men have a chance to do something but the women also. They

shared in the blessings of the Priesthood which their husbands held, and in addition were allowed to share leadership in the auxiliary activities of the Church.

Holding positions of responsibility, as so many persons did, naturally inspired them to strive to lead more exemplary lives. It was the conception of this adopted religion that people received the degree of perfection they earned by the life they lived. This life was just a step in the ladder of eternal progression. This plan includes a conception of a life before this one. Man existed in a sphere before this present earth life and chose an earthly experience because of the ultimate blessings it would bring to him. This was a step forward to him; it would add to his eternal reward. Joseph Smith caught the vision of what Jesus had in mind when he said to his Apostles, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." This dignifies man beyond any conception that man has ever had. Joseph had the same assurance of limitless development and progress. Here man is reaching toward God, and it is God's glory to elevate man to his greatest possibilities. The development of human personality is the greatest thing in the universe. What more holy desire could a loving father have than to live an exemplary life and desire or plan to have his children follow in his footsteps and perpetuate the best that a father can give. Wasn't this one thought alone worth all the sacrifice that this religion required of those who embraced it?

These four outstanding features of the Mormon faith, along with many others, just as outstanding, were the things which brought my grandparents into the Church. They are the Gospel truths which should enable me to live a better life. They will be my richest heritage to my children. Obedience to these divine truths make us the blessed recipients of the abundant life.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE LODGINGS

The drawing at the right gives some idea of the number of letters that arrived last week at 5, Gordon Square, requesting lodgings reservations for the Centennial Conference at Rochdale during August Bank Holiday.

Elder Richard S. Tanner, executive secretary of the conference, is busily engaged in taking care of the applications that are reaching his desk daily and reports that the number received thus far indicates that a record crowd will be in attendance at the celebration. Elder Tanner advises those intending to come to send their applications, with the six shillings deposit, as quickly as possible. In this way they can be assured of obtaining the best accommodations there.



NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

ONE of the oldest members of the Church, and a native of the Isle of Man, Sister Elizabeth Mill Whitaker, 98, passed away June 7th in Centerville, Utah. Sister Whitaker was born in Douglas, Isle of Man on March 7th, 1839, where her parents were converted to the Gospel by President John Taylor, who went there as a missionary. She emigrated with her parents to Nauvoo, Illinois, where the Church headquarters were then located. As a small child, she remembered the Prophet Joseph Smith, and how she used to sit on his lap. Her father, Elder John Mills was a tin craftsman, and made the forms for the oxen in the baptismal font in the Nauvoo Temple. One of her vivid recollections was of being captured by the Sioux Red Indians and held for ransom while she was crossing the plains to Salt Lake City in 1852.

FIRST unmarried lady missionary to serve on a two year mission, Sister Inez Knight Allen, member of the Relief Society General Board died at her home in Provo, Utah, on June 5th. Sister Knight, then Inez Allen, and Jennie Brimhall, now Jennie Brimhall Knight, were called to fulfil missions in the British Mission in 1896 and were the

first unmarried ladies to serve in such a capacity. She has been a member of the Relief Society Board since 1927.

ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL, president of the First Council of Seventy, observed his eighty-fourth birthday on June 9th. Elder Kimball is the son of Heber C. Kimball, one of the first missionaries to Great Britain, and known as the "Father" of the British Mission. He was ordained a member of the First Council of Seventy in 1892, and is now the oldest member of the Quorum.

VISITORS from Utah have already begun to arrive in England for the Centenary celebration. Among them is Alice Louise Reynolds, professor of English at Brigham Young University and member of the Relief Society General Board. Mrs. John F. Bennett, Mrs. Mamie Wells Lovell, Elen Wallace and Elder Richard S. Bennett. Elder Bennett laboured as a travelling missionary in Great Britain and was associate Editor of the *Millennial Star* from 1933 to 1935. Sister Reynolds arrived on the s.s. *Manhattan* June 23rd, while the others came with President Grant's party on the s.s. *Empress of Australia*.

THE GREATER DEATH

By Miranda Snow Walton.

There is a greater death than that which comes
When God extinguishes life's sacred flame,
For Faith can light that path, and show to man
The peerless palaces from whence he came.

It is when vision's gone, and courage dead;
It is while human hearts are chained with hate,
When love no longer whispers "Hope," to pain,
That death despairs, and grief is desolate.

When the soul sees no to-morrow, then it knows
A night of gloom for which there is no dawn;
Oh, weary world, could you but learn this truth,—
Death is not death unless Faith, too, is gone.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

SINCE the Great War thick, high, barbed wire barriers have marked the frontiers between Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and have separated two closely related Slav peoples. But now, as recently announced in the press both in Sofia and in Belgrade, these barriers will be removed as a result of the newly adopted policy of friendship between the two countries.

TEMPERANCE organizations both in Britain and America are actively engaged in trying to impress upon the public the necessity of widespread temperance education. "The only practical cure for the evils which flow from the use of intoxicating liquor is its elimination from our land," was a statement embraced in the resolution passed by 500 delegates attending the Temperance conference in Buxton, England, recently. And from the National W.C.T.U. headquarters at Evanston, Illinois, comes a report of the survey made recently by members of the Youth's Temperance Council. The young people have been studying editorial and advertising contents of hundreds of magazines of national circulation and they find that more than 1,000,000,000 pages of sales appeal for liquor were brought into American homes through that medium last year. This comprehensive survey has revealed many things which will enable the organization to wage a new successful fight against this growing evil.

THE BIGGEST effort ever made on milk propaganda by the Scottish Marketing Board is being made this year. Its expenditure of £28,000 for this purpose will include press, poster, and spoken publicity. More milk bars are to be established and a host of salesmen are to carry out a campaign in offices and shops to encourage the mid-day milk habit—a healthful one.

INCREASING interest of scholars in Chinese affairs and the need for Chinese language training as a tool for economists, sociologists, political scientists, artists, etc., has led the Institute of Pacific Relations to undertake a Chinese Language Summer School this year. The school will be associated with the University of Michigan and will provide a concentrated course of eight weeks in introductory modern Chinese.

A SIXTY-STOREY skyscraper was recently ordered by the Reichsführer as part of a plan to turn Hamburg, Germany's best-known port, into one of the finest cities in Europe. The new building will be 830 feet high, the news report states.

SINCE 1920, seventy-three blind students in Britain have successfully graduated at universities, most of them taking honours degrees. While many people know of the skill of blind craftsmen, the extent to which sightless men and women are to-day "making good" in professional fields is not yet fully realized by the general public, according to the National Institute for the blind in London. The professions most accessible to the blind are the Christian ministry, the law, and teaching. Many blind rectors and vicars are successfully carrying out parish duties in various parts of the country. Music is another field in which blind men occupy high positions as composers or instrumentalists. The National Institute runs a special bureau for organists and choirmasters.

A STRAWBERRY competition was promptly organized, recently, when tourists staying at Combe Martin, North Devon market town, doubted that it took five bites per berry to eat some of the local grown specimens. The winning entry was four strawberries to the pound, and it took seven bites to eat each strawberry. One weighed nearly six ounces.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Releases—

Elder Wilford P. Jordan, who has laboured in Nottingham and Leeds Districts was honourably released June 18th to return to his home in San Jose, California.

Elders Paul D. Backman, Burns Love Dunford and Gene L. Stoman, who have been labouring in the British Mission for the past few months, were honourably released June 25th to fulfil missions in South Africa.

Appointment—

Elder Theron L. Labrum was appointed Supervising Elder of Welsh District on June 21st to succeed Elder Lewis W. Jones.

Transfer—

Elder E. Clark King was transferred from Nottingham to Liverpool District on June 19th.

Arrivals and Assignments—

On Wednesday, June 23rd, five new missionaries arrived at Plymouth on the s.s. *Manhattan*. On Saturday, June 26th, they were assigned as follows:

Elder Daniel Garn Heaton (St. George, Utah) Hull District; Elder Donald L. Johnson (Elsinore, Utah) Welsh District; Elder Orlando Sims McBride (Thatcher, Arizona) Nottingham District; Bishop Henry Milton Taggart (Salt Lake City) Leeds District; and Elder Paul S. Howells (Los Angeles, California) temporarily assigned to the British Mission Office.

Doings in the Districts—

IRISH—At baptismal services held in Belfast Branch hall on Saturday, June 19th, Mary Georgina Vaughan was baptized by Elder Eldon T. Lindsay and confirmed by Brother Joseph Ditty. On Wednesday, June 16th, members of Belfast Branch M.I.A. sponsored an outing to Lough Neagh. Games on the Lough banks, boating on the River Bann and refreshments were enjoyed by the group.

LIVERPOOL—Members of Burnley Branch met at the home Sister Sarah Sutcliffe, Wednesday, June 16th, to enjoy a social evening together. The programme of musical numbers was under the direction of Sister Doris Owens, and supper was served by Sister Sutcliffe.

At the home of Brother John Espley, members of Burnley Branch gathered on Wednesday evening, June 23rd, and enjoyed supper and sociability. Sister Espley prepared the food.

Nelson Branch was winner of Liverpool District's Honour Day events held under the direction of Y.M.M.I.A. and Y.W.M.I.A. Supervisors Horace E. Heyes and Gertrude Corless, on Saturday, June 19th. Brother Heyes reports also that Wigan and Preston Branches were placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

MANCHESTER—Addressing Rochdale Adult Class on Sunday, June 20th, Sister Mary Alice Fitton's subject was, "Our Social Obligations." Brother Norman Woodhead conducted the recent social in Rochdale Branch.

SHEFFIELD—Sheffield Branch conference was conducted Sunday, June 13th, by Branch President Harry V. Bailey. Sunday School Superintendent George A. Stubbs was in charge of the afternoon services, and Supervising Elder Ferrell K. Walker and District President George H. Bailey were principal speakers. Additional numbers were presented by the Gleaner Chorus and Mr. A. G. Layden.

BRISTOL—Members of Bristol Branch and the district missionaries attended the Folk Dance Festival at Red Maids School, Westbury-on-Trym, Saturday evening, June 19th, where 200 participated in the dancing events. Miss Isabel Wilkins is responsible for the fine training the two teams which represented the branch have had. A tea was served during the intermission to those in attendance.

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